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LIFTING OF BAN ON INDIAN NATIONALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lift the ban imposed on Indians to work as domestic staff in Kuwait and some other Arabian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for banning it earlier?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LAL)

(a) to (c): The ban on employment of housemaids and male domestics in Kuwait was imposed by the Government in view of the complaints relating to harassment, non-payment/delayed payment of wages etc. The ban on employment of male domestics has since been lifted. The question of lifting the ban or otherwise on deployment of housemaids in Kuwait can be considered only after Government assured that such deployment would be as per the terms and conditions of employment.